

Annapolis Environmental Commission

Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 7:30pm

145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Suzanne Pogell, **Chair**
Ted Weber

Ginger DeLuca, **Co-Chair**
Dan Haas

Chris Kamenoff, **Co-Chair**
Rachel Rachfal

Members Absent:

Marie Rinaldi

Diane Butler

Staff Present:

Maria Broadbent

AMENDED

Chair Pogell called the meeting to order at 7:41pm at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3.

August 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Kamenoff moved to approve the August 4, 2010 meeting minutes as amended. Ms. DeLuca seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0. (Ms. Rachfal was not present for voting)

BUSINESS

Outreach – Boards and Commission Workshop

Ms. Broadbent stated that the workshop was helpful and the document guide would be beneficial to new board members. Mr. Haas added that the workshop was useful but there were some issues discussed that did not relate to the Commission's function. Mr. Weber believes that the workshop was informative. Ms. Pogell reported that an electronic version of the workshop document is being edited prior to distribution. Also, that there will be additional training to follow on the specific categories presented at the workshop. Members noted that Mayor's memo did not include a date and time for the workshop so requested that they be notified in advance of any upcoming workshops.

There was a brief discussion regarding the format of the minutes and the Commission agreed to maintain the current format of their minutes. However, the Commission asked that their minutes be shared with the other associated boards and commissions. Ms. Hook agreed to email copies of the Conservancy Board and Recreation Advisory Board minutes to members. Ms. Deluca also agreed to review the packet for recommendations who should take on leadership roles on the individual categories. Ms. Broadbent will provide a hard copy of the Boards and Commission workshop document to those who were unable to attend.

Clean Water Act Training

Chair Pogell encouraged members to attend the Clean Water Act training on the State of Maryland Watershed Implementation Plan scheduled for September 18, 2010, 9:00-3:30pm at Arlington Echo in Millersville. Ms. Broadbent will forward this information to Mr. Ciminelli for consideration.

Recycling

The Commission agreed that the recycling letter to Ms. Plumer was well written and will be sent under the Chair's signature. There was an agreement to hold a spring event to kick off a recycling campaign. Ms. Broadbent will be presenting her findings and recommendations to the Council on the Solid Waste Program on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 1:00pm. She concurred with the idea of a Spring education program if the recommendations are accepted.

Website, Listserv and Facebook

It was pointed out at the workshop that Boards and Commissions are discouraged from creating social media such as "Facebook" or "Individual Webpages." Ms. Kamenoff agreed to contact Ms. Young to determine if the listserv falls under this category.

Budget Funds – Use of 2010 Funds

It is still unclear whether Commission budget funds will become available.

Subcommittees

EcoCenter

Chair Pogell reported that the Council is meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6:00pm on the Market House Space. There was an Annapolis Sustainable Business workshop held and she was able to view the discussion online. This group believes that the Market House should be a public community place.

Grant Writing

This agenda item was deferred to the October meeting.

Stormwater

Mr. Weber had follow up discussions with Ms. Lathan of Chesapeake Ecology Center regarding the City installing rain gardens. Ms. Lathan believes that maintenance of the rain garden would be an issue so suggested doing curb cuts into grass swales. She has also agreed to give the Commission two educational signs. He announced that there is a seminar hosted by the Chesapeake Water Environmental Association on stormwater issues around the bay scheduled for October 19, 2010 at Marine Institute of Technology in Linthicum. The cost is \$75.00 and believes that it would be beneficial for a member to attend. The link to the seminar is www.wwoa-cwea.org/cwea/101910.htm.

Chair Pogell spoke with Ms. Potter of South River Federation, who stated that there is a bog located in the City. Ms. Potter stated that the County has regulations to protect bogs but the City does not. This raises an issue whether the City is covered under the County's regulation for bogs. Ms. Potter had agreed to send Chair Pogell the location of the bog.

DNEP - Sustainability

Ms. Broadbent stated that the sustainability scorecards were emailed to members and hard copies provided as well and asked for feedback or suggestions.

Ms. Broadbent awarded two stewardship certifications to "My Butcher" and "Wild Orchids." She discussed the stewardship program with the Annapolis Visitor's Conference Bureau. She encouraged members to share the brochure with any business they believe are interested. Mr. Weber suggested that the City consider the settings of thermostats in its buildings and the Annapolis Clean Energy program loans. Ms. Broadbent responded that this program is now under Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) and that there will soon be direct loans. Ms. Broadbent agreed to send Ms. Kamenoff a paragraph on the BGE for alternative electric companies to send out to the listserv.

Environmental Matters Committee

Chair Pogell reported that the Council's Environmental Matters **Committee** Chair, Alderman Ross Arnett has expressed an interest in the AEC participating in their monthly meetings to provide input on environmental issues. The Commission agrees that this would be a good opportunity.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Passes

Ms. Broadbent agreed to contact Ms. Raftovich to get parking passes for Hillman Garage for those members who need them.

Eastport-A-Rockin List of Names

Chair Pogell stated that the list of names received from the Eastport-a-Rockin event was provided to Mr. van Zutphen.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, Mr. Haas moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Ms. Kamenoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0. **The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2010 at 7:30pm at 145 Gorman Street, Third Floor Conference Room.**

Tami Hook, Recorder